

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An airless spray gun having a body, a handle tube screwed into said body and a trigger guard, the improvement comprising said trigger guard having first and second ends, said first end being selectively engagable with said gun body and said second end having an opening shaped to engage said handle tube so that said first end may be disengaged from said gun body and said second end used to unscrew said handle tube from said body.
2. An airless spray gun having a body, an inlet swivel, a handle tube screwed into said body and a filter, the improvement comprising an annular filter element having an interior cavity connected to said inlet swivel, said annular filter element being located in said handle tube and having an annular outlet cavity between said filter element and said handle tube, said outlet cavity being connected to said gun body for spraying.
3. A needle assembly for use in an airless spray gun, said needle assembly comprising:
  - 15 a seat;
  - a needle end having a ball at the front end thereof for engaging said seat;
  - a seal housing having internal and external seals;
  - a push plate;
  - a needle having front and rear ends; and

a fastener, said needle end being secured to said needle front end and said needle rear end being sandwiched between said seal housing and said push plate, said fastener securing said needle rear end to said push plate.